

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The Examiner contends that the examples show results which are not unexpected or mentioned in the scope of the claimed invention. The examples were done to point out that the physical mixture of polyamine surfactant with linear alkybenzene sulfonic acid present in many detergent formulations and cited by the Examiner is different from a specific process disclosed by the applicants which results in polyanionic surfactant. These are two different entities. In any event, applicants are grateful to the Examiner for withdrawing the rejection over WO '334.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP (09003483). Claims 1, 2, 6-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Vander Meer (4,597,898). It is respectfully noted that on the cover of the Office Action claims 1-20 were indicated as rejected, but not all claims were included in the actual rejections, in the text of the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request that the amendment be entered as it places the application in a better form for allowance or appeal. Specifically, in a serious effort to advance the prosecution of the application, the subject matter of claim 5, which was not rejected over JP '483 or Vander Meer, is incorporated into claim 1. The cited references do not disclose a process for preparation of polyanionic ammonium surfactant especially in the presence of the solubilizing agent. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment renders the rejections moot.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn and the application be allowed to issue.

If a telephone conversation would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the present application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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